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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Claims 1-34, 58-74, 81-107, and 109-118 are before the Examiner. Claims 35-57, 75-80, and 108 have been withdrawn.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Claims 1-118 were the subject of a restriction and election of species set forth on pages 2-4 of the Action. Applicants elect Group 1, claims 1-34, 58-74, 81-107, and 109-118. Further, Applicants elect the species of polymer described by the combination of features recited in claim 1 for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants were also requested to provide an indication of the relevance of the references of the information disclosure statements towards the elected invention. In response, Applicants respectfully submit that no such requirement is set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and that the submission of the references for the application was necessary to discharge Applicants' duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office. However, Applicants truly appreciate the Examiner's efforts in reviewing the information disclosure statements and thank the Examiner for her consideration of the references.

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Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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